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Group Art Unit: 2812
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AND RING-SHAPED REINFORCING MEMBER
Atty. Docket No.: 60,233-013

RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

A telephonic interview was held on July 17, 2006 between the Examiners Elias Ullah, the Supervisory Examiner Michael Lebentripp, and Mr. Raymond Scott, the attorney of record. In the telephone interview, the Examiner Elias Ullah was authorized by Mr. Raymond Scott to amend claims 1, 14, and 15 as discussed during the telephonic interview.

On September 27, 2006 the Supervisory Examiner Michael Lebentripp mailed Supplemental Notice of Allowability including Examiner's Amendment, enclosed herewith, which reflects the aforementioned amendments to claims 1, 14, and 15, as discussed during the telephonic interview.

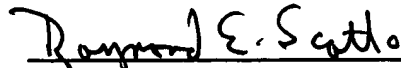
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Applicant believes that no fees are due, however, if any become required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard Attorneys.

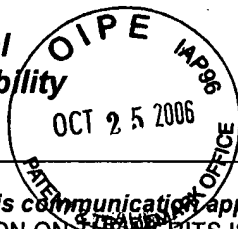
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**Supplemental
Notice of Allowability**



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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to remarks filled on 5/22/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


MICHAEL LEBENTRITT
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Raymond Scott on July 17, 2006. The application has been amended as follows:

2. In claim 1, line 15, "its" has lack of antecedent base's, insert -- having a state -- after "material" in line 7.
3. In claims 14, line 12, "its" has lack of antecedent base's, insert -- having a state -- after "material" in line 6.
4. In claims 15, line 12, "its" has lack of antecedent base's, insert -- having a state -- after "material" in line 6.
5. In claim 15, line 25, after "reduced" replace "," with -- . --.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elias Ullah whose telephone number is 571-272-1415. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MICHAEL LEBENTRITT can be reached on (571)272-

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1873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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